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Title: TUMOR TARGETED PHOTODIAGNOSTIC-
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Field of the Invention

This invention relates to novel dye-bioconjugates for use in diagnosis and therapy, particularly novel compositions of cyanine dye bioconjugates of bioactive molecules.

5 Background of the Invention

Cancer will continue to be a primary cause of death for the foreseeable future, but early detection of tumors would improve patient prognosis (R. T. Greenlee et al., Cancer statistics, 2000, *CA Cancer J. Clin.*, 2000, 50, pp. 7-33). Despite significant advances in current methods for the
10 diagnosis of cancer, physicians still rely on the presence of a palpable tumor mass. At this, however, the many benefits of early medical intervention may have been already compromised.

Photodiagnosis and/or phototherapy has a great potential to improve management of cancer patient (D. A. Benaron and D. K. Stevenson,
15 Optical time-of-flight and absorbance imaging of biologic media, *Science*, 1993, 259, pp. 1463-1466; R. F. Potter (Series Editor), *Medical optical tomography*:

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